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Seamen's Hostel

*3 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to transfer the land on the foreshore opposite to the Reserve Bank Buildings under construction in Madras, to the Naval Department for construction of a Seamen's Hostel;

(*b*) if so, on what terms and conditions; and

(*c*) whether any objection has been raised by the City Improvement Trust in this regard?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) This Government have leased to the Government of India an extent of about 35 grounds of foreshore lands opposite to the Reserve Bank buildings, under construction for a period of 30 years for construction of a Seamen's Hostel. The terms and conditions of the lease are pending finalization.

(*c*) Yes, Sir. The objection was considered by the Government and met before passing orders.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Am I to understand that a pucca building will be put up on the land given by the Madras Government and that the Central Government have to vacate the premises after a period of thirty years?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Government have leased a piece of land to the Government of India. Now, certain conditions have to be fulfilled and that matter is under consideration.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Is it not necessary that before construction of buildings, due attention should be paid to the development of the railway level-crossing there? (The hon. Member was pointing to the southern direction.)

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The hon. Member is pointing to the wrong direction.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : This has no very close connection with the question of railway level crossing. It is further away from the place where the Seamen's Hostel will be put up.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is there any proposal to convert the foreshore into a playground or will they stop with the construction of the present building?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : There is no scope to construct a few more buildings, even if the hon. Member wants.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether the Government have any plan at all to convert the foreshore south of the Napier's bridge into a playground or whether they will leave it as it is for the children to play?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : That part of the foreshore is being beautified. It will be made attractive.

Public display of fireworks during festivals and marriage processions

* 4 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any ban imposed on the public display of fireworks during festivals in temples and marriage processions in Madras City and in mufassal areas; and

(*b*) if so, the kinds of fireworks the use of which has been banned and the circumstances in which such ban has ben imposed and when?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to clause (*a*) above.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Are we to presume that there are no restrictions now on the use of fireworks during temple festivals and marriage processions?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is the information I have. Perhaps they have to take out a licence.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government consider the question, as a special case, of permitting the use of fireworks in the case of temple festivals at least, barring, if need be, the rackets, etc., which are found to be dangerous?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The information I have is that no ban is imposed on the public display of fireworks during temple festivals and marriage processions either in the Madras City or in the mufassal areas.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : ஐயா, கவர்ண்மெண்ட் இந்த பைர்வொர்க்ஸ் அதிர்வேட்டு போடுவது இவைகளை நிறுத்த ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா? அத்துடன் ஆகம சாஸ்திரத்திற்கும் இந்த அதிர்வேட்டுக்கும் சம்பந்தம் இருப்பதாகத் தெரிய வில்லை.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : This is only a statement and not a question.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : அப்படி ஏதாவது இருக்கிறது என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்குத் தெரிந்தால் அதைச் சொல்வார்களா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் குறிப்பிட்ட ஒரு யோசனையைத் தெரிவித்தால், அதையும் அரசாங்கம் பரிசீலிக்கும்.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : நடப்பு ஆண்டில் இந்த வாண வேடிக்கைகள், அதிர்வேட்டுகள் இவைகளின் காரணமாக எவ்வளவு உயிர்ச் சேதம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது? எவ்வளவு சொத்து நஷ்டம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது?